

Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee

September 15, 2016

Capitol Campus Exterior Lighting Upgrades

Purpose: Follow Up and Feedback

The purpose of this agenda item is to follow up on the June presentation to the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee (CCDAC) regarding the Capitol Campus Exterior Lighting Upgrades with particular attention to the Maple Park corridor. Nathaniel Jones, Asset Manager, will present this agenda item.

Background

Committee discussion at the June 6 meeting included members' appreciation for the aesthetics and the historic character of the existing globe-like fixtures on Maple Park. Staff has been working to identify a possible LED retrofit of the existing fixtures or a replacement fixture which reflects the unique character of Maple Park as a seam between the Capitol Campus and the South Capitol Neighborhood residential area.

In July DES staff met with the South Capitol Neighborhood Association Board and presented the overall lighting project and the specific challenges of the Maple Park corridor. The Association Board expressed interests which are in basic alignment with those expressed by CCDAC members in June. The principal considerations raised by the Neighborhood Association include the aesthetic design of lighting fixtures and the level of light on Maple Park. Communication with the Neighborhood Association has been on-going.

The amount of light on a city street is controlled by the City, not the state. Discussions between neighborhood members and City staff on this topic have begun. DES will explore possible control options to manage light levels by the time of day.

DES intends to undertake tree trimming along Maple Park in order to protect the health of the trees, improve vehicle clearance, and reduce shadowing. Dead branches and split trunks threaten the trees' longevity. Dying trees on the north side of Maple Park, near Capitol Way will be removed and new trees will be planted.

Status

In partnership with McKinstry, our energy services contractor, DES has continued to pursue a retrofit of the existing light fixtures or a replacement fixture which reflects the local context.

Next Steps

DES will present alternative fixture designs to CCDAC and the South Capitol Neighborhood Association before proceeding. Further, DES and City staff will explore innovative control options for street light levels.
